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Integrated Plastic Fined for Hazardous Waste Violations

A Kansas plastics-recycling company was ordered Aug. 26 to pay \$98,000 in restitution and a \$10,000 fine for mishandling waste chemicals, U.S. Attorney for the District of Kansas Barry Grissom said (United States v. Integrated Plastic Solutions...

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EPA Watchdog Launches Look Into Purchase Card Use

The Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Inspector General announced Aug. 27 it would begin an audit into the agency's purchase card and convenience check programs "to identify and analyze risks of illegal, improper...

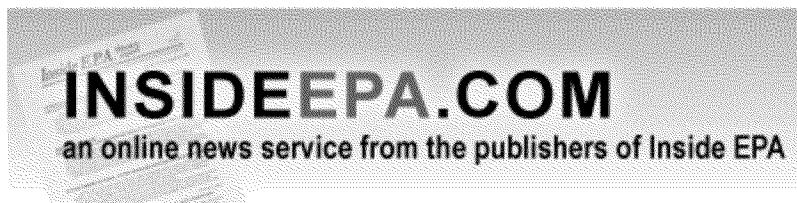
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Politicians Probe Top EPA Rules for State Impacts

Away from the spotlight of hearing rooms and without the fanfare accompanying press releases, congressional lawmakers wrote the Environmental Protection Agency to highlight state-specific concerns they held with many of the agency's...

Powerful Defenses, Exclusions to CERCLA Natural Resource Damages Claims

Since its enactment on Dec. 11, 1980, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act has been used to identify, address and resolve some of the most complex environmental issues associated with contaminated sites...



Inside EPA's **Weekly Report**, 08/28/2015

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Latest News

EPA Fights Request To Rehear Non-Hazardous Secondary Materials Ruling

EPA is fighting environmentalists' bid for a federal appeals court to rehear its recent unpublished ruling that upheld the agency's non-hazardous secondary materials (NHSM) waste definition rule, arguing that advocates failed to prove that the court's decision was at odds with prior legal precedent and that the court should reject the request.

News Briefs

House Committees Set Joint Hearing On EPA Mine Spill

The House Natural Resources Committee and Oversight and Government Reform Committee are planning a joint hearing to scrutinize the accidental release by an EPA cleanup team of 3 million gallons of wastewater from an abandoned Colorado mine, part of a growing push by lawmakers to investigate the agency's role in the spill.

EPA Threatens Penalties At Major Sediment Cleanup Site

EPA Region 10 is threatening to levy penalties against a potentially responsible party at the high-profile Duwamish River sediment cleanup site in Washington, contending that the company and its contractors repeatedly violated aspects of the cleanup agreement governing that portion of the river.



COLORADO:

Residents near gold mine blowout wary of Superfund

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The first meeting of a local group to take place since the Gold King mine blowout was dominated by discussion of whether the mine should be designated as a Superfund site.

About 100 people at the meeting of the Animas River Stakeholders Group in Silverton, Colo., yesterday disagreed about whether a Superfund designation would help or hinder the area.

No one from U.S. EPA was present, but the agency was frequently mentioned.

Some residents said a Superfund designation -- which would allow EPA to recoup costs from "parties it deems responsible" -- would be too broad and that they would prefer direct action from Congress.

Other residents argued that it would be unaffordable to clean up the area without the Superfund program.

San Juan County Commissioner Scott Fetchenier said a previous \$10 million cleanup offer from Sunnyside Gold Corp. was worth considering if the money could be used immediately, instead of a "ponderous" process of waiting to see who is found responsible. The \$10 million offer would be withdrawn if the mine became a Superfund site, Fetchenier said, though Durango Mayor Dean Brookie noted that the company's liability is likely far higher than \$10 million.

Mining companies "will have to be brought to bare and pay," said Travis Stills, an attorney with Energy & Conservation Law in Durango (Chase Olivarius-Mcallister, *Durango Herald*, Aug. 25). -- **SP**

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